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## **DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER §1.131**

- 1. This Declaration is to establish conception of the invention in the United States at a date prior to August 12, 2002, the earliest effective filing date of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0108294 A1 to Bloom, et al. (hereinafter "Bloom"), which was cited by the Examiner in a non-final Office action mailed January 12, 2005.
- 2. I, Kenneth W. Whitley, inventor to the above-referenced application, am making this declaration.
- 3. To establish conception prior to August 12, 2002, the following document is being submitted as evidence:

Prior to August 12, 2002, I prepared and submitted an invention disclosure record (IDR), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. This invention disclosure is the basis for the

present application. The invention disclosure shows conception of my invention at a date prior to August 12, 2002.

- 4. On September 20, 2002, a provisional application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and assigned U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/412,356. From the time of my conception of the invention prior to August 12, 2002 until this provisional application was filed, I worked diligently and continuously on my invention.
- 5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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